AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 3 at line 15, before the Brief Description of the Drawing Figures, please insert the following paragraph:

In another embodiment, an agent for processing e-mail messages is described. The agent comprises a stored list of message characteristics provided by a subscriber, a receiver adapted for receiving e-mail messages and ascertaining message characteristics of the received messages, a comparator adapted for comparing characteristics of received messages with stored characteristics, and tagging those messages wherein the characteristics match an alert mechanism for alerting a subscriber to the receipt of messages having characteristics matching the stored characteristics, and a save facility adapted for storing matched messages against future distribution instructions, the future distribution instructions received from the subscriber in response to the alert.